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SUBJ: INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS

1. AFTER APRIL 4 DISCUSSION OF SAVVIDES CASE (SEPTTEL), MFA DIRECTOR GREEK-CYPRUS AFFAIRS BARUTCU RAISED WITH DCM STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR RESUMED DENKTASH-CLERIDES TALKS.

2. BARUTCU REPORTED THAT UNSYG WALDHEIM HAD BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH FM CAGLAYANGIL IN IZMIR SEEKING LATTER'S HELP WITH DENKTASH AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

3. BARUTCU SAID FOUR MAJOR POINTS INVOLVED WERE:

A) DATE.

UNSYG WAS NOW PROPOSING THAT TALKS OPEN ON APRIL 28. THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE TO GOT, SAID BARUTCU, BUT HE WONDERED WHY THE UNSYG KEPT CHANGING THE DATES AND PUSHING THEM BACK. THE SC HAD TAKEN ITS DECISION ON MARCH 12 AND EVERYBOTY HAD AGREED ON THE NEED FOR URGENT RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS. WALDHEIM HAD THEN PROPOSED TWO TENTATIVE DATES, THE EARLIEST BEING APRIL 10, NEARLY A MONTH AFTER THE SC RESOLUTION, OR THE BEGINNING OF MAY. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT
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UNSYG WAS SEEKING TO FIND A CONVENIENT DATE NOT FOR THE

DISCUSSIONS BUT FOR HIMSELF.

B) ROLE OF UNSYG.

GOT HAD REAFFIRMED ITS POSITION THAT IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE FOR UNSYG TO PRESIDE THROUGHOUT THE TALKS. AT THE SAME TIME GOT UNDERSTOOD WALDEHIM'S ANXIETY TO SHOW THAT HE NOW HAD A NEW GOOD OFFICES MISSION. THE TURKS THEREFORE HAD TOLD UNSYG THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT HIS PRESIDING OVER THE FIRST TWO OR THREE SESSIONS BUT THAT HE SHOULD THEN LEAVE. EVEN THIS MUCH OF A ROLE FOR WALDHEIM CREATED DIFFICULTIES FOR DENKTASH, BUT THE GOT WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE LATTER TO BE PRESENT FOR FIRST TWO OR THREE SESSIONS WITH UNSYG ON CONDITION THAT UNSYG THEN LEAVE.

C) SITE OF TALKS

GOT CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT TALKS BE HELD IN EUROPEAN CAPITAL WHERE THERE WAS NO RPT NO GREEK-CYPRIOT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION. LAUSANNE OR MONTREAUX WERE UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO CLOSE TO GENEVA. GOT WOULD ACCEPT VIENNA OR THE HAGUE OR COPENHAGEN OR MADRID.

D) TIMETABLE FOR TALKS.

BARUTCU SAID UNSYG HAD ASKED GOT TO CONVEY TO DENKTASH HIS IDEAS ABOUT THE TIMETABLE FOR THE TALKS. UNSYG HAD PROPOSED THAT THE FIRST TWO OR THREE SESSIONS BEGIN APRIL 28 AND INVOLVE HIMSELF, DENKTASH, CLERIDES AND PROBABLY WECKMANN. THEN ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM PROPOSAL, UNSYG AND DENKTASH WOULD WITHDRAW, LEAVING CELIK AND CLERIDES TO CONTINUE THE TALKS. THE FINAL STAGE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH UNSYG SUGGESTED TAKE PLACE ON MAY 3, WOULD AGAIN INVOLVE THE PRESENCE OF UNSYG AND DENKTASH.

4. ON THIS LATTER POINT REGARDING THE TIMETABLE, BARUTCU CAME CLOSE TO BEING SCATHING IN HIS COMMENTS ABOUT UNSYG. HE SAID MUCH AS HE RESPECTED WALDHEIM'S CAPABILITIES, HE DID NOT THINK THE CYPRUS PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE WEEK. IT WAS OBVIOUS, CONTINUED BARUTCU, THAT " SOMETHING IS COOKING IN THIS, EITHER SOMEBODY IS PRESSING WALDHEIM TO MAKING UNREASONABLE SUGGESTIONS OR HE IS VERY NAIVE." BARUTCU REITERATED THAT GOT WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE DENKTASH TO ACCEPT WALDHEIM'S PRESENCE FOR THE FIRST TWO OR THREE SESSIONS OF THE TALKS. THEN THE TALKS SHOULD CONTINUE BETWEEN CLERIDES AND CELIK WITHOUT TIME LIMIT. DCM EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT GREEK SIDE WOULD

AGREE TO CLERIDES ENGAGING IN SUCH TALKS WITH CELIK RATHER THAN DENKTASH. BARUTCU GAVE NONCOMMITTAL ANSWER. BARUTCU ALSO COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS THE GREEKS WERE URGING THE MAY 3 DEADLINE SO THAT SHORTLY THEREAFTER THEY COULD GO BACK TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ALLEGING THAT TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE HAD PREVENTED AN EARLY SOLUTION.

5. BARUTCU ASKED THAT THIS CONVERSATION BE TREATED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO FORMER PM ESENBEL'S REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR MACOMBER THAT THE USG DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP THE TALKS GET STARTED EXPEDITIOUSLY AND ON A REALISTIC BASIS. THE GOT SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW WHAT WALDHEIM WAS UP TO.
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